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The city's jazz center may be gone, but Atlanta's jazz soul lives on

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For nearly two decades, the Atlanta jazz scene revolved around [Churchill Grounds](#), a jazz bar nestled next to the Fox Theatre that presented music five nights a week. The late-night hangout occasionally drew musicians like trumpeter Wynton Marsalis and Lady Gaga, who dropped by after concerts in the city.

After the club's spacious Whisper Room shuttered in 2014 due to a rent increase, musicians went back to performing near the door of the narrow, deep bar room, in front of a picture window, attracting glances from Midtown passersby. Two years later, the club closed after its lease expired, and the space became a VIP room for Fox Theatre patrons.